

Form 10-300
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Virginia	
COUNTY: Montgomery	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON: Fotheringay	
AND/OR HISTORIC: Fotheringay	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: .5 mi. E of South Fork (of Roanoke River), .2 mi. E of Rt. 11, 1.4 mi. S of intersection of Rt. 11 and Rt. 631, 1.5 mi. S of			
CITY OR TOWN: Elliston			
STATE Virginia	CODE 45	COUNTY: Montgomery	CODE 121

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>
		Yes: Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY	
OWNERS NAME: Mr. Robert L. Nutt, Jr.	
STREET AND NUMBER: Fotheringay	
CITY OR TOWN: Elliston	STATE: Virginia
	CODE 45

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION	
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Montgomery County Clerk's Office	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN: Christiansburg	STATE: Virginia
	CODE 45
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 188.1	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS	
TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey	
DATE OF SURVEY: 1941	Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN: Washington	STATE: D. C.
	CODE 08

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)		(Check One)		
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Fotheringay is a two-story brick structure with a projecting two-level provincial type portico on the west front. As originally built, the facade of the house was only three bays with the portico covering the front door in the southernmost bay. It was a traditional belief that the facade was intended to be symmetrical. However, the house stood in its original form until the late-1950's when the south end of the facade was extended for two more bays, thus making it symmetrical. It should be noted that all of the architectural details in the original portion of the house, such as the modillion and dentil cornice, Flemish bond brickwork, splayed stuccoed lintels with keystones, exterior end chimney and hipped roof were carefully reproduced in the new section.

At the same time, the deep two-story ell on the rear of the house was renovated, a later addition was removed from the rear of the ell, and the end rebuilt. The present pedimented gable end and large fan light window in the pediment date from the rebuilding. A two-level porch once located on the north side of the ell was removed earlier in the century.

The original interior woodwork in Fotheringay is most elaborate and very finely executed. The stairhall and drawing room feature Adamesque decoration, including modillion and dentil cornices, swags in the entablatures over the doorways, and reeded chair rails. The drawing room chimney-piece is unusually rich with its broken pediment overmantle flanked by carved scrolls. Original woodwork also survives in the upstairs hall and bedrooms. The trim in the dining room is largely modern but in the style of the house.

Fotheringay is dramatically situated on a steep knoll overlooking the bottom land of the south fork of the Roanoke River. Behind the knoll sharply rise the Blue Ridge Mountains, forming an impressive backdrop for the house. Against the base of the mountains and in view of the house stands the triangular-shaped stone tomb of Col. Hancock and several members of his family.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☒20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☐

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐Religion/Philosophy ☐Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☐Philosophy ☐Agriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☒Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐Social/Humanitarian ☐Communications ☐Literature ☐Theater ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Transportation ☐Music ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Fotheringay was probably built soon after 1796 when Colonel George Hancock bought the property from Colonel Joseph Kent who had acquired the land in 1793 from William Robinson whose home and tavern were located there. George Hancock (1754-1820) served as a Colonel of the Virginia Line in the Revolutionary War and was aide-de-camp to Count Kasimir Pulaski. He represented Botetourt County in the Virginia House of Delegates from 1784 until 1792 and was the first citizen of Botetourt County to serve in the United States Congress, being a member of the Third and Fourth United States Congress. Colonel Hancock's daughter, Julia, married General William Clark of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

Fotheringay is one of the finest post-colonial plantation houses in southwestern Virginia. Its elaborate interior woodwork is unusually fine for both its time and location. Fotheringay further stands as a rare example where modern additions and alterations have significantly enhanced the appearance of a structure. However, it should be noted that the additions fulfilled what obviously must have been the intentions of the original builder.

Fotheringay's commanding location and associations with one of the leading citizens of the area make it one of the major historic landmarks of southwestern Virginia.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Stoner, Robert Douthat. A Seed-Bed of the Republic. 2nd ed. Kingsport, Tenn.: Kingsport Press, Inc. (1962).
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 Christian, Frances Archer and Susanne Williams Massie, eds. Homes and Gardens in Old Virginia. Richmond, Va.: Garrett and Massie, Incorporated (1962).

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE			
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	37° 11' 44"	80° 13' 50"	37°	11'	44"
NE					
SE					
SW					

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Staff, Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, James W. Moody, Jr., Director
 ORGANIZATION
 Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
 STREET AND NUMBER:
 Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building
 CITY OR TOWN:
 Richmond
 STATE
 Virginia
 CODE
 45

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: U.S.G.S. 7½', quadrangle Elliston			
SCALE: 1:24000			
DATE: 1963			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission			
DATE OF PHOTO: 1967			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Richmond, Virginia			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
View of West front			

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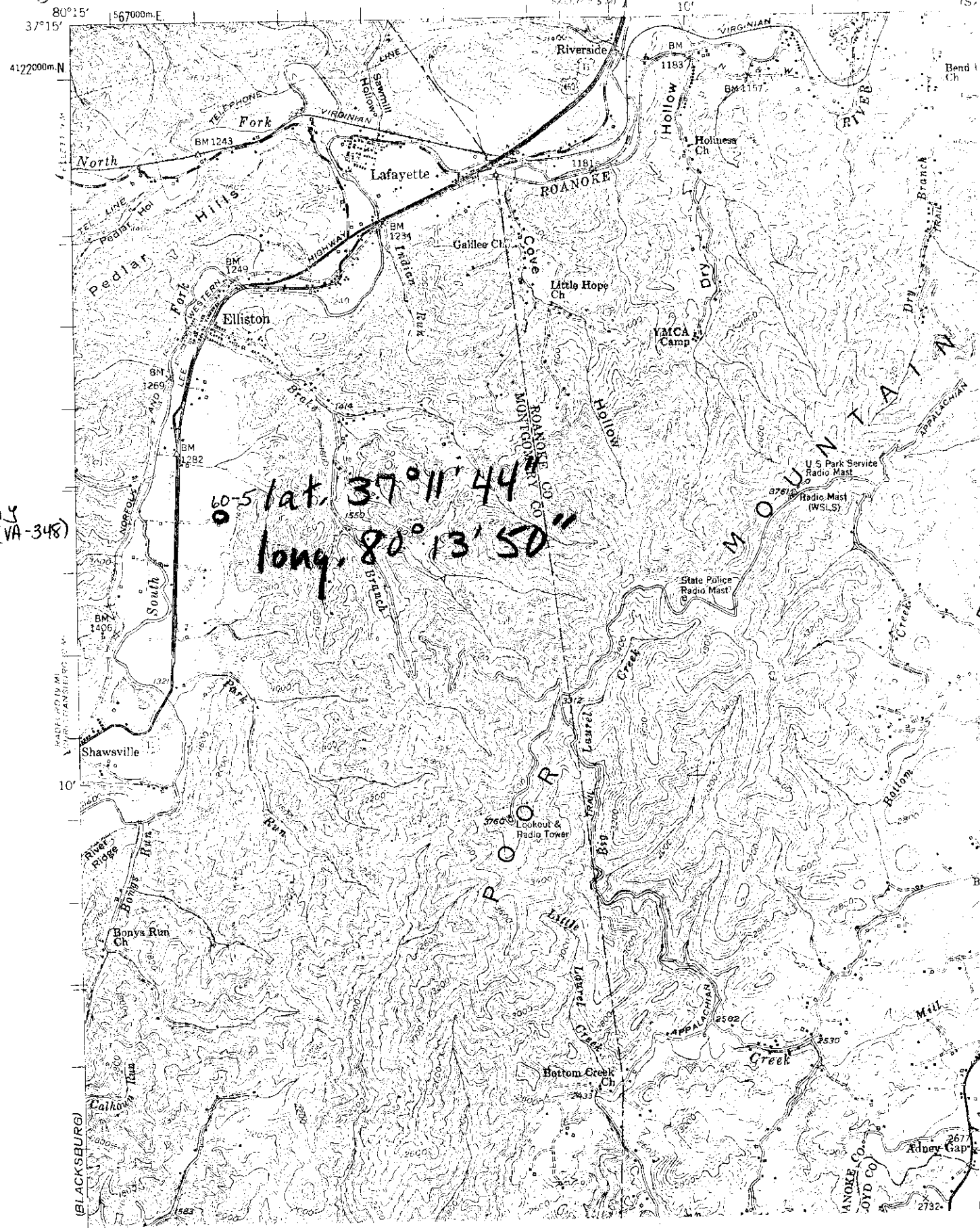
6. Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory
1958
Library of Congress
Washington, D. C. Code: 08

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Report #60-5
1967
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building
Richmond, Virginia 23219 Code: 45

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